

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Professional truck drivers deliver goods to every home, community, school, and business in Arkansas. Almost 87 percent of Arkansas communities depend solely on the trucking industry for their goods and commodities, including essentials, such as groceries, medical supplies, and fuel; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 38,000 professional truck drivers in Arkansas, delivering everything from seeds and livestock for local farmers to books and technology for neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS: Even as many Arkansans are adjusting to new ways of working, learning, exercising, and even socializing, truck drivers are continuing to do what they do best day-in and day-out—connecting Arkansans to all the things we need to live our lives; and

WHEREAS: These men and women log 5.7 billion miles annually, and last year, delivered 87 percent of the state's freight tonnage, or over 113,600 tons each day, supporting communities and businesses both large and small in every region of the State; and

WHEREAS: In times of prosperity or times of crisis, Arkansas's and our Nation's economy rides on the shoulders of professional drivers who bring what we need every day to thrive and survive, build and rebuild our lives across the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 13th through September 19th 2020, as

TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK IN ARKANSAS

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join me in this observance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 3rd day of September, in the year of our Lord 2020.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor